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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 7, 2002, Applicants respond as follows.

REMARKS

Claim 1-11 and 21-25 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

Claims 1-11 and 21-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Depauw et al. (U.S. 5,110,662) in view of GB 2126256 A. In order to establish a prima facie case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met, according to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, §706.02(j). These three are repeated as follows:

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